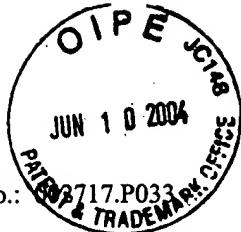


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In response to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application. Please consider the following.